

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Rainer Hammann *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1645

For: METHOD OF DETECTING ANTIBIOTIC  
RESISTANCE IN MICROORGANISMS

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Examiner: L. J. Tongue

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Tongue:

In lieu of responding to the outstanding Office action mailed June 30, 2006, Applicants have filed a continuation application on this date, claiming priority to the above-referenced application. Applicants currently petition for a 3-month extension of time in the above-referenced application.

Although we believe that we have submitted the correct amount to cover the above-listed items, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference BDW-010.01.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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